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SUBJECT: CCMS: ROAD SAFETY - IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE
INSPECTION

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FRG NATO DEL HAS JUST CIRCULATED AS ACTION ITEM
FOR FORTHCOMING CCMS PLEANRY THE TEXT OF PROPOSED
IMPLMENTING RESOLUTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION, FOR
APPROVAL BY CCMS AND LATER, BY THE COUNCIL AS AN ANNEX TO THE
INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION. TEXT OF IMPLEMENTING
RESOLUTION, WITH ACCOMPANYING FRG AMPLIFYING COMMENT,
FOLLOWS BELOW:

BEGIN TEXT:

CMMS: ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY
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MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION

THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY, ADOPTED
BY CCMS ON OCTOBER 24 AND APPROVED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC

COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 28 AND ENDORSED IN THE MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THAT COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 11, ALL IN 1973, CALLS FOR MEMBER NATIONS TO IMPLEMENT ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE ANNEXED TO THE ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION. IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS ON ALCOHOL AND HIGHWAY SAFETY, EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLES AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION WERE ADOPTED AT THE MAY 1974 CCMS PLENARY AND APPROVED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN JULY 1974.

AS THE LEAD COUNTRY ON THE PROJECT STUDY ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY PROPOSES, AFTER HAVING CLOSELY CONSULTED THE EXPERTS OF BELGIUM, DENMARK, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THAT THE "IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION", AS SHOWN IN THE ANNEX HERETO, BE APPROVED BY THE CCMS PLENARY TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, ON OCTOBER 22-23, 1974, AND BE SUBMITTED BY CCMS TO THE COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION.

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WANTS TO THANK ALL PERSONALITIES WHO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO BRINGING THE WORKS TO SUCH A SUCCESSFUL END.

SUBMISSION OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE COUNCIL WILL BE THE FINAL ACTIVITY OF CCMS. FOLLOW-UP MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY CITA UNDER BELGIAN PRESIDENCY.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION

THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE WITH REFERENCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY APPROVED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 28, 1973:

CONSIDERING THAT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS INDICATE THAT 6-18 PER CENT OF ALL ROAD ACCIDENTS RESULT AT LEAST IN PART FROM VEHICLE DEFECTS, WHICH ARISE FROM FAULTS IN THE DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OF THE VEHICLES OR FROM INADEQUATE MAINTENANCE OR FROM A MIXTURE OF THESE CAUSES;
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CONSIDERING THAT MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAMMES ARE DESIGNED BOTH TO PINPOINT VEHICLE DEFICIENCIES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE ACCIDENTS OR TO WORSEN THE RESULTING DAMAGE AND INJURIES, AND ALSO TO ENSURE THAT THE DEFECTS WHICH ARE FOUND ARE CORRECTED, AND THAT VEHICLES CONFORM TO THE APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS;

CONSIDERING THAT INSPECTION PROGRAMMES MUST SEEK TO AVOID "OVER-INSPECTION" WHICH WILL IMPOSE UNDUE COSTS AND INCONVENIENCE ON THE CAR OWNER AND "UNDER-INSPECTION" WHICH WILL PERMIT DANGEROUSLY DEFECTIVE VEHICLES TO BE OPERATED ON PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES;

RECOGNIZING THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT VEHICLE INSPECTION AS SUCH CONTRIBUTES TO IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, THE COST-BENEFIT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION, THE ENHANCED VEHICLE CONDITION AND AVOIDED ACCIDENTS OR ACCIDENT RESULTS WILL NEED FURTHER CONSIDERATION; REGARDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION PROJECT LED BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AS PRT OF THE NATO CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY AS HAVING ESTABLISHED THE NEED FOR CONTINUATION OF INSPECTION PROGRAMMES WITH CONTINUING EVALUATION OF COST BENEFITS;

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

1. TO UNDETAKE A COOPERATIVE EFFORT IN REFINING AND IMPLEMENTING ON A SAMPLING BASIS AS A PART OF THEIR NATIONAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAMMES, PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO SHOW:

. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VEHICLE DEFECTS AND ACCIDENTS, AND INSPECTION AND ACCIDENTS

. ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS RESULTING FROM MOTOR VEHICLE INPSECTIONS AND REPARIS GENERATED BY INSPECTIONS;

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2. TO INITIATE PROGRAMMES FOR THE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT OF EFFICIENT INSPECTION METHODS AND EQUIPMENT;
AND

3. TO WORK JOINTLY WITH OTHER NATIONS IN AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION (SUCH AS CITA) OR OTHERWISE TO:

. SEEK GREATER STANDARDIZATION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION

. DEVELOP SYSTEMS FOR EXCHANGING THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 ABOVE. END TEXT.
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